Contractual Workers in Barak Valley of Assam

2842. SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of oil and gas exploration in Barak Valley of Assam;

(b) whether more than four hundred educated youths have been working under the project as contractual workers since long without any break; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to regularise the services of these workers?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Two gas fields viz. Adamtilla and Banaskandi have been discovered by ONGC in Barak Valley.

(b) and (c). Since ONGC has not directly engaged these workers the question of their regularisation does not arise.

Coastal Railway in Andhra Pradesh

2843. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to have a Coastal Railway line connecting Bapatla, Nizamapatnam-Repalle-Challapalli and Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Bridges in Karnataka

2844. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a list of construction for road overbridges/road underbridges for inclusion in the railway works programme for 1992-93 was forwarded by the State Government of Karnataka to the Union Government;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the time by which the work of these projects will be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Halt of Trains at Firozabad Station

2845. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to provide halt of important trains such as Gomati Express and Jayanti Janta Express at Firozabad station in view of inconvenience of the passengers;

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government also propose to increase the first and second class reservation quota of Firozabad;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and